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Applicant : T. TAGAWA et al.

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For : LIGAND-BONDED COMPLEX

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2002, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period is originally set in the Office action to expire on July 24, 2002 Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two (2) months and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time, together with all requisite fees therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to maintain the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 1-3, 6, 11, and 15-17 as follows (a marked up copy of the claim

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